



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, children and youth learn best when they are healthy, supported, and receive an education that enables them to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, schools can more effectively ensure that all students are able to learn when they meet the needs of the whole child and provide integrated, multitiered supports; and

WHEREAS, children's mental health is directly linked to their learning and development, and the learning environment provides an optimal context to promote good mental health through connectedness within the school and community; and

WHEREAS, sound psychological principles are integral to instruction and learning, school safety, social and emotional development, prevention, early intervention, and support of culturally diverse student populations; and

WHEREAS, school psychologists are specially trained to foster and deliver, in the school and community, a continuum of mental health services and academic supports that lower barriers to teaching and learning; and

WHEREAS, school psychologists help children thrive by nurturing their individual strengths across both personal and academic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, school psychologists are trained to assess student and school-based barriers to learning and individual strengths, utilize data-based decision-making, implement research-driven prevention and intervention strategies, and evaluate outcomes and improve accountability; and

WHEREAS, school psychologists play a vital role in the personal and academic development of our state's children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 11-15, 2019 as

School Psychology Awareness Week

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this ninth day of September, 2019.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Lee".

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to the Secretary of State.

Secretary of State

